

# DataImportProperties.PreserveDataOnMergedCells

Introduced in build 8.5.1

## Description

Sets or returns whether values should be preserved when importing into merged cells. The default value is `true`.

**C#**

```
public boolean PreserveDataOnMergedCells{ get; set; }
```

**vb.net**

```
Public Property PreserveDataOnMergedCells() As Boolean
```

## Examples

**C#**

```
//--- Get PreserveDataOnMergedCells
bool preserveData = importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells;

//--- Set PreserveDataOnMergedCells
importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells = false;
```

**vb.net**

```
'--- Get PreserveDataOnMergedCells
Dim preserveData As Boolean = importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells

'--- Set PreserveDataOnMergedCells
importProps.PreserveDataOnMergedCells = False
```

\$body

Given the following data set:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

Is being imported into the following cells:

|  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

If `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is equal to `true`, each value will be assigned to a cell or group of merged cells.

The result for the above example would be:

|    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |  |  |
|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|--|--|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |   |   |    |  |  |
| 6  |    | 7  |    |    | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |  |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |   |   |    |  |  |

If `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is equal to `false`, `ImportData` will treat all cells as though they are unmerged. Any additional values that are imported into merged areas will be lost.

The result for the above example would be:

|    |   |    |   |   |
|----|---|----|---|---|
| 1  | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 |
| 11 |   | 13 |   |   |

\$body

### Remarks

When `PreserveDataOnMergedCells` is set to `true` it will also affect column names when `UseColumnNames` is also set to `true`.